

March 12, 2012

Meeting second Monday
of each month at
St. Thomas More
Catholic Church
2900 Kimball Ave
Manhattan, Kansas

Social time at 8:30 a.m.;
meeting begins at 9 a.m.

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Prairie Pointer

KONZA PRAIRIE QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER
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Upcoming programs:

March 12 "If These Quilts Could Talk, What Would They Say?" will be presented on Monday, March 5, by Sister-speak, aka Cathy Audley & Sue Chaffee. These are a couple of "fun" gals, and you won't want to miss their workshop on Creative Bobbin Work on Tuesday, 9:00-3:30, and there is still room for you to sign up for \$30. The supply list is on our KPQG website, or you can contact Ronna Robertson.

Prez Sez

We are looking forward to an early spring and Easter. The Mini quilt auction planning is underway. We would like for everyone to think about who they know that would come and purchase the items we will have to offer. It would be nice to have a good profit margin.

Someone did not pick up their gift in the December gift exchange. If it is not claimed we will use it for a door prize for the Guild or for the Mini quilt auction.

The mystery quilt workshop was very nice. Some beautiful quilts will come out of it. The plan is to show them in March. Ronnie Elmore's log cabin block workshop was excellent. The State director of the Make It with Wool Contest would like to encourage some of our very talented members to consider entering the contest. If you have taken part in the "Orphan block round robin", be sure to bring the blocks you have worked on to the meeting in March. Several have already been finished and are bound and quilted. We have 4 workshops scheduled for the remainder of the Year. It is important to sign up for the workshops you are interested in. We have to look at cancelling if there is insufficient registration and the contracts have a specific timeline.

The 2012 MiniQuilt Luncheon and Auction will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012, in the Utopia Room at St Thomas More Church. Viewing will be at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 11 a.m. and the auction at noon. The tickets will be \$15 each and will be available at the March meeting of the Guild. We will announce opportunities for members to decorate tables with the theme of May Flowers in mind. We are encouraging members to both donate an item for our auction and to be prepared to buy something. Please remember that this is one of our main fundraisers to provide funds for the programs that we have. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Susie Weir

March Refreshments

If you are unable to bring refreshments in your assigned month, you must arrange your own substitute.

Charlotte Herr
Callie Hildebrand
Lois Hines
Connie Hobbs
Twila Hoffman
Doris Hofman
Beverly Holdren
Barb Howe

Block of the Month 2012

We will be using Jennie Rayment's book **Tucked up in Bed** for the January through October Block of the Month. All About Quilts should be able to order the book for you. Alternatively, Amazon has some used copies that have come in good condition. You may use any color fabric you desire if you do not care for the muslin look. Plan on using 5 yards of fabric if you use the same fabric for all 12 blocks. Ruth Prescott will be at the Senior Center most Thursdays from 11-3:30 to help with your blocks.

March's block, "Stuffed Squares" can be found on page 31, and requires an 11 x 44 inch strip of fabric.

April's block, "Four Pointed Flower" can be found on page 39 and requires a 13 x 44 inch strip of fabric.

Library Corner



Read All About It!

Spotlight on Neutrals: Quilts and

More for Any Décor by Pat Wys. Bothell, Wa., Martingale & Co., 2011. 80 p.

Pat Wys wrote this book after realizing that neutral quilts remain timeless through the years and blend with many decorating schemes. The pieced and appliquéd patterns will help use your stash of background and neutral fabrics while creating dramatic variations on classic patterns. The book includes pillow shams, a mantel scarf and other small projects as well as bed quilts. An attractive pattern of large appliquéd snowflakes, a pillow cover of woven strips, and a quilt of alternating snail's trail and star blocks are particularly appealing.

Thanks to All of our Border Explorers!!!

Thanks to everyone who took advantage of this exploration opportunity at the December meeting by taking home a block or two to embellish or add a border, adding more borders and finally finishing a block or two in successive months. We are really looking forward to seeing all the final products of many helping hands this month. We will then get them labeled for auction at our Mini Quilt Auction on May 5. Any of you have neat ideas for the labels? Contact Ronna Robertson.

Danger, Curves Ahead!

The 2012 challenge quilt will be a quilt or garment of any size, your choice. Quilts must contain at least two different types of curves— examples may be curves to fit your shape in a garment, curved embellishments, appliquéd curves, pieced curves, curved quilting, illusion curves. Let's get creative and see what kinds of curves we can come up with. For questions, see Edgar and Dolores Chambers.

Please make the following directory changes:

Mary Jo Harbour zip code is 66502
Evelyn Shultz email is evie@valleyvet.com

March Birthdays

Celebrating in March:

Eunice Bradley	14
Mary Jo Kurtz	21
Kathryn Wilson	22
Rita Dole	23
Mary Jo Harbour	24
Joyce Chalkley	24
Doris Hofman	25
Jeanne Powell	30



Pictured, celebrating in March: Mary Jo Kurtz

Quilts from the Heart Countdown

Fifty (Yes, 50!) finished quilts have been turned in and three are being finished. Remember that if you like to only do tops and quilting is not your thing, or you don't like to bind, etc., let us know and we can find someone to do that part of your quilt. That means we have 97 to go before the November meeting!

Your committee met, picked up the stash from Cathy's house and we have assembled "bundles" of coordinated fabrics for you to use to make Quilts for the Heart. We will have some available to pick up at each meeting from now on. Each bundle includes the backing and remember that batting is available for pickup at each meeting also. If you need some before the next meeting, call Susie Weir.

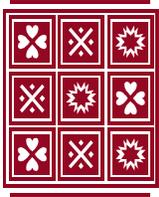
Patchwork Pieces

Every Thursday from 11 am-3 pm a group meets at the Riley County Senior Center to sew, quilt and visit. Lunch is on your own. Call Susie Wong for more information.

Fourth Tuesday: 9:30-3. Riley Co. Senior Service Center. Free classes by Mary Jo Harbour will resume in March.

Mary Jo Harbour was given an 8-inch pile of ready-cut nice quality muslin strips, most about 3 3/4 by 12 inches, a few shorter than 12 inches. She would like to give them to someone who uses muslin in their quilts. Please contact her if you are interested.

President's Quilt for Gerrie: Gerrie would like a nine patch block— Use nine 3 1/2" blocks, four muslin and five scrappy, to assemble a basic nine patch. Be sure to sign your block.



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NEW IN MEETING SALES POLICY:

In January, April, July, and October members may request tables to place items to sell and they should donate 10% of their sales to the Guild. This will replace the November and December Crafter Sales. This will eliminate what has become a monthly free-for-all at the back tables. Please contact Margie for tables.



The *Prairie Pointer* is the monthly newsletter of Konza Prairie Quilters' Guild. Membership is open to all those interested in quilts and quilting. Yearly dues are \$35 and include 12 Opportunity Tickets, admission to all meetings, monthly newsletter, access to library materials, block of the month patterns, and opportunity to participate in workshops, field trips and public events. Guests are welcome to attend twice before joining.

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